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DIRECTORS' MEETING, BONN, JULY 26-27: CYPRUS

REFS: A) BONN 13601; B) BRUSSELS 14651

1. ENNO STABREIT, FOREIGN OFFICE EC PRESIDENCY OFFICER
TOLD US CYPRUS WAS NOT DISCUSSED DURING THE FORMAL
SESSIONS OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING. HE NOTED,
HOWEVER, THAT THE FRG WAS DISAPPOINTED BY THE NINE'S
(BASICALLY FRENCH) UNWILLINGNESS TO ISSUE A STATEMENT
OF SUPPORT FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS (REF A).
THE GERMANS FEEL THE PROPOSALS ARE IMPORTANT EVIDENCE
THAT THE TURKS ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND
THAT THIS SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED. THE FRENCH, HOWEVER,
MAINTAINED IN BRUSSELS THAT THE SITUATION IN THE
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EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND A
DECLARATION WOULD HAVE BEEN INOPPORTUNE. ACCORDING TO
STABREIT, THE FRG EMBASSY IN ATHENS HAS REPORTED THAT
THE FRENCH EMBASSY THERE HAS TOLD THE GREEKS THAT
GENSCHER'S PHONE CALL TO THE SECRETARY ON THE EMBARGO
(REF A) WAS MADE WITHOUT FRENCH CONCURRENCE.

2. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSED THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMPLAINTS TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE OF TURKISH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ON CYPRUS. THE GOC HAS ASKED THAT TWO OF THEIR THREE COMPLAINTS BE ADDRESSED IN STRASBOURG. STABREIT SAID THE GERMANS ARE OPPOSED TO SUCH A DISCUSSION, FEARING IT WILL FURTHER CHARGE THE ATMOSPHERE AND POSSIBLY ENDANGER PROSPECTS FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. STABREIT SAID THERE WAS A GENERAL VIEW AMONG THE NINE THAT LITTLE WAS TO BE GAINED BY TAKING UP THE ISSUE IN STRASBOURG. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS SOME FEELING THAT THE GOC'S COMPLAINTS CANNOT BE IGNORED AND MAY HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN SOME FORM. STABREIT NOTED THAT HAVING DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN FAR-FLUNG AREAS SUCH AS CHILE, SOUTH AFRICA AND THE USSR, THE NINE COULD NOT BE SEEN TOTALLY IGNORING A MATTER SO CLOSE TO HOME.

3. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS OPTED TO HAVE A WORKING GROUP REVIEW THE QUESTION AND RECOMMEND A COMMUNITY POSITION.
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